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## Standing on guard

The Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 colour party stands at attention during the Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony held at the cenotaph on Highland Street on Saturday, Nov. 11. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

# County chips in on CT equipment, but there's a rub for HHHS

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County council should have a voice in local health care decisions.

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said the upper tier council should have two seats on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board of directors.

And Carter said during council's regular meeting Nov. 8 that a recent HHHS request for money should be part of the 2024 budgeting process.

HHHS asked county council in October to kick in \$1-million toward the purchase of a CT scan, CT mammography equipment and the necessary hospital renovations to accommodate the equipment.

The total cost of the diagnostic equipment is \$4.3-million.

Council was asked that the money be forwarded as soon as possible if the request was granted. Costs for design, installation, and the associated construction have already begun.

Council agreed to provide the requested money in two installments. Carter was the only councillor to vote against writing a cheque outside the 2024 budget process.

It is expected that the new diagnostic

tools will be installed and operational by next summer.

Michael Rutter, the county's CAO, said there are limited reserves available to fund unplanned projects. But, given the importance to the community, staff recommend the contribution be paid to HHHS in two installments of \$500,000.

The first installment to be paid in January and the second in January 2025.

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# Lack of CT takes toll on EMS, says CAO

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Rutter suggested \$200,000 be included in the annual budgets over the next five years. And staff recommend that \$300,000 be transferred from reserves in 2024 and 2025 to fund the two installments.

The funds would be repaid to reserves at \$200,000 beginning in 2026 with the final installment being made in 2028.

Rutter provided details about how local CT services would yield monetary savings and create health care efficiencies in the county.

Providing CT services locally would not eliminate inter-facility transfers, but it would reduce the number significantly. It's estimated that 60 per cent of the total number of transfers would be eliminated.

County ambulances spend as much as 2,000 hours per year transporting patients for diagnostic services in other communities.

"This is time that our ambulances are not available in the county to answer emergency calls," Rutter said.

Ambulance call volumes continue to increase because of a growing reliance on CT services, an increasing and aging population, and increased tourism activity.

Transfers for CT rose from 218 calls in 2019 to 357 in 2021.

On average, each CT transfer takes as long as six hours. As a result, staff are experiencing more and more challenges maintaining an appropriate emergency response capability.

In the county's EMS Master Plan recognized these challenges, the three top priorities to be addressed immediately and six of 13 goals to be addressed in the next three years relate directly to inter-facility transfers.

"Our staff are dedicated and they are committed, so they will do what we ask them to do," Rutter said. "But it has been a topic of conversation at every labour management meeting that we've had in the last number of years. "These transfers take a toll."

The county's Physician and Health Care Recruitment Co-ordinator has reported to council that physicians considering working in Haliburton's emergency department are unwilling to commit when they find out there's no CT equipment.

"I just wanted to make clear that the lack of a CT scan has an impact on our EMS department, on our health care, and physician recruitment," Rutter said. "That doesn't even touch on the economic benefits of keeping our money circulating locally."

Coun. Lisa Schell, the deputy mayor in Minden Hills, said the lack of public consultation is concerning, especially given that its public money being requested.

"While there's no doubt having a CT scanner in the county could be beneficial, I still struggle to believe that we will find the staff to operate it," she said.

HHHS closed one of two emergency departments in the county in June.

"I want to remind the community and everyone in this room that we had a fully-staffed Emergency Department that HHHS closed, throwing away emergency doctors who had been faithfully staffing the Emergency Department for decades," Schell said.

"And now they're asking for \$1-million for a CT scanner to attract emergency doctors."

She said she'd like to vote for something that will benefit county residents, but she's struggling with the fact that county council has no say on how health care services are delivered. There's no council presence on the board of directors.

Coun. Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, said council should be able to find \$200,000 in a multi-million-dollar budget. And he weighed that against the dreadful possibility that a patient facing a serious health issue must wait a couple hours because of travel rather than minutes if the diagnostic tests were done locally.

"I'm not going to debate the overall public opinion of it," said Coun. Cecil Ryall, Highlands East's deputy mayor. "I'm looking at purely the dollars of it and I would find it very difficult not to support this."

"I'm a bit surprised and stymied as to why we're not considering this motion when we do the budget as opposed to just ad hoc thing where somebody comes and asks for money and we decide that we're going to give it to them in a special manner," said Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills.

Carter said HHHS had been working on getting the equipment for quite some time and they knew as far back as June that the Ministry of Health was going to

grant approval. HHHS had a lot of time to request financial help from the county.

"I suspect that they didn't want to show their faces around this council in around June, just after they closed the (Minden) emergency room," he said. "So it's been delayed until now."

"But bad planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part. I think this should be done as part of our budgeting process."

HHHS has not been very transparent with county council, he said. Council should demand two seats on the HHHS board of directors to get county support.

"I know they (HHHS) haven't been transparent," Fearrey said. "But ... we can't keep going back and finding fault. We've got to move forward here."

"I look to others as to whether you'd like to pass it today or wait until budget," said Coun. Jennifer Dailoux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "But, in general, I'm in support of this initiative."

"A million dollars is a lot of money," said Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor. "But the way it's laid out, it's not going to be a big hit on anybody right away."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said there much work to be done to re-establish trust and communication between the county and HHHS.

"There has been some effort made, but nowhere near enough," she said, and added that representation on the board should be a condition of the funding.

"I have been given understanding from at least three members of the board that that is in the works."

Carter said the budgeting process will begin in a couple week, so it isn't unreasonable that the funding request wait until then.

"Doing this outside of the process is not acceptable to me," he said.

"I do take a bit of offence at any suggestion that the rest of us do not take due consideration for our taxpayers," Danielsen said. "I think the fact that we're wanting to move forward with this is, in fact, in support of our taxpayers."

"I didn't imply that," Carter said.

## Remembrance Day: Beyond celebration, a day of reflection and responsibility

KAITLIN SYLVESTER

Staff

Residents from Wilberforce and surrounding areas gathered at the Wilberforce Cenotaph on Saturday morning to honour fallen Canadian soldiers and mark the annual passage of Remembrance Day. The ceremony, a solemn occasion marked by reflection and the honoring of duty, was organized by the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 and followed by a luncheon organized by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The March of the Colours, a poignant display of solidarity, was accompanied by the laying of the wreaths and The Veterans Prayer along with the traditional moment of silence. Dave Burton, Wilberforce's mayor, delivered the opening presentation, setting the tone for a day of remembrance.

Local veterans, including those from the Korean and Afghanistan wars, were in attendance as well as the friends and families of those who have served. Janice Sorensen, a community member for more than 35 years, shares her family's deep connection with the Legion; her grandfather, father, and uncle were veterans. Sorensen said "when we moved to the area the Legion represented a source of community." Sorensen highlights the Legion's efforts to support local organizations, emphasizing

ing the importance of giving back to the community.

The Legion, once a vibrant community hub for veterans, has evolved into a social haven for all. Veterans' dinners and events like karaoke, Friday night suppers, meat draws, and regular senior luncheons create an inclusive space, welcoming newcomers and fostering a sense of community. The Wilberforce Legion shows that it is not just a place for remembrance but a lively center for social interactions.

The phrase "lest we forget" took on a dual meaning this year, not only as an admonishment to remember the past, but also to recognize the obligation Canadians have to prevent the repetition of mistakes. As Father Ted Morris said "complacency is a luxury we cannot afford." Morris went on to reference present-day conflicts, such as the conflict in Palestine and the war in the Ukraine, underscoring the ongoing struggles for peace.

Remembrance Day is not simply a commemoration; it is a call to action, a reminder of our responsibilities to the past and present. Through events like those organized by the Legion, we not only remember history but actively contribute to the well-being of those who have served and the communities they call home. In the face of current global conflicts, the essence of Remembrance Day lies in the collective responsibility to build a better future by learning from the past.



Mayor Dave Burton, Father Ted Morris, and Legion President Janice Sorensen showcase handmade poppies from local children /KAITLIN SYLVESTER Staff

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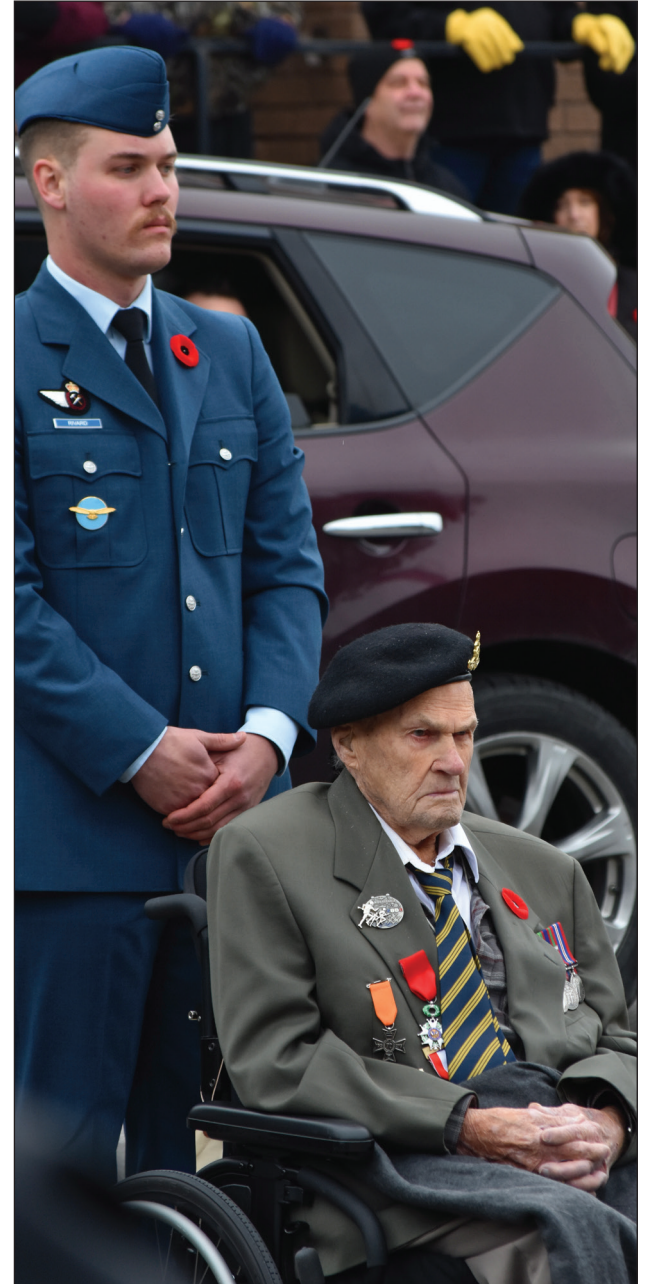
Haliburton County Paramedic Services deputy chief Larry Blanchard salutes after laying a wreath.



Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 chaplain Garry Swagerman welcomes the crowd to the ceremony.



Piper Jim Thomson plays the lament.



Second World War veteran Harold Rowden listens to the ceremony.

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# Ontario curriculum not set to change

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

On Oct. 21, the Million March 4 Children marched around Head Lake Park, in their fight against the “sexual content taught at schools”.

According to their website, this group stands for one thing: “advocating for the elimination of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) curriculum, pronouns, gender ideology and mixed bathrooms in schools.” One representative of the group shared with the *Echo* that they are “concerned about the adult sexual content that is being taught in elementary schools; the concern is sexualization of children.”

The curriculum is currently designed to offer support and insight as a part of their

health and physical education classes. “Because the base of knowledge, experience, and skills varies from student to student, it is important for instruction to be differentiated to meet a wide range of student needs,” reads the Ontario curriculum. “The emphasis in the junior grades should be on building students’ understanding of themselves in relation to others.”

Some of these topics include mental and physical health, bullying, technology-associated risks, hazards around drugs and alcohol, eating decisions, cognitive problem solving, and gender identities, to name a few. The Ontario curriculum in its entirety is readily available online for any individual to access.

While the majority of these topics do not seem to faze the protestors behind the Million March 4 Children, it’s the gender

identification that appears to ruffle feathers.

In a formal statement, Allan Guinan, the chair of Minden Pride, shared “our position holds that there is considerable confusion, discrimination and misinformation circulating within this fringe group’s assertion that the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum offered in Ontario ‘sexualizes children’.”

The *Echo* reached out to Carolynne Bull, the manager of communications services from Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), who was very aware of both the protests from the organization Million March 4 Children, as well as the counter protest by Minden Pride. “Our curriculum is not changing,” said Bull, noting that it was developed with children’s best interests, and catering to their needs and mental health that are identi-

fied by the Ministry of Education.

That being said, she did note that all TLDSB programs include an “opt out” option. When the physical health programs are being taught, all students are sent home with a form that parents and guardians must review and sign before any teachings would proceed.

This would negate the argument that many protestors were sharing at both the Sept. 20 and Oct. 21 Million March 4 Children protests, claiming that children are taught the SOGI curriculum without parental knowledge or consent. “The parents are in control,” said Bull.

For the full Ontario curriculum, set by the Ministry of Education, visit [www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en](http://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en).

## Legion president honoured for life saving

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Many would have seen Mike Waller out and about this time of year. As the president of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 and a dedicated supporter of the Poppy Campaign, Waller has been regularly spotted in rain and shine holding a tray of poppies around the downtown core.

But what many don’t know is that he was recently celebrated for a past heroic act.

On Oct. 26, Waller received a Commissioner’s Citation as well as the St. Johns

Ambulance award for lifesaving efforts.

The award was given to Waller and his neighbour, Doug Austin, in light of an event that happened in spring of 2022.

During a particularly icy day that spring, Waller noticed a woman in a paddleboat on Loon Lake, just as the ice was melting away. He jumped into action, trying to return the woman to shore, yet the woman had fallen into the water, and EMS was called. Waller and Austin performed CPR routinely, and made every effort to save the woman. Unfortunately, she was pronounced deceased upon EMS arrival, but the efforts made by Waller and Austin did not go unnoticed by police



Mike Waller stands with the certificates he received for his life saving efforts last year. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

officer Robin Carmount.

“He put forth the motion to get it all in play,” noted Waller saying he had no idea that the award was a possibility. Waller found out in August that he and Austin were being recognized for their life saving efforts, and were given the award on Oct. 26 in Orillia. His certificate reads: “In

recognition of your knowledge and use of first aid attempting to save a life in Dysart et al Township, Haliburton County.”

“It was amazing to be there in a room full of so many people who do amazing things,” said Waller, “it was truly an honour.”

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## Turned to stone

Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design completed their dry-stone sculpture on Oct. 27. "The students did an amazing job working on the project this week, rain or shine," The Haliburton County Public Library said. The beautiful art installation is located just outside of the Dysart branch. /Submitted



## Bountiful harvest

The Haliburton and District Lions Club held a very successful Fundraiser Dance on Oct. 6 to raise money for the HHHS Foundation Diagnostic Imaging Campaign and various Lions Service Projects. A big thank you from the Lions Club to all of the sponsors, donors, volunteers and all those who attended that were so generous with their contributions. Without your support, this would not have been possible. Members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club were proud to present a cheque for \$4,000 to Executive Director Melanie Klodt Wong, and members of the HHHS Foundation Board of Directors, David Blodgett, Susannah Moylan and Ross Sykes. /Submitted

# County hears first details of future Dysart commercial development

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County got a heads-up of a commercial development in Dysart.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, brought council a report for information about draft plans for a subdivision and a condominium at 5065 County Road 21.

The proponent, LRC Campbell Ltd., is represented by planning consultant Anthony Usher.

"This is an exciting development,"

Stone said.

The 3.67-hectare lot will accommodate five lots and a common access road. The five lots will be developed at some point for commercial uses.

Stone said the applications have been received and staff has deemed them to be complete. They've since been forwarded to various agencies and the public for comment.

The window for comments is 30 days.

Stone said the most critical comments are likely to come from Dysart. Staff will await those comments before delivering another report to county council.

Stone said, with changes to the Planning Act, a public meeting is no longer required for such applications.

"That being said, we've done our due diligence in terms of notification, and we will be posting on site as well as on the county's website of this project," Stone said.

"So, at this point, we're receiving this for information," said Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, who is also deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, asked about a body of water that's indicated on part of the application.

"What is that small water body and how close is this land to that water body," she said. "Just in general terms."

"It's within the influence area of this subdivision," Stone said.

The storm water management plan that's been submitted as part of the application include the area's physical features.

"The Ministry of Environment has been quick to respond with that in mind," Stone said. "So it'll be something that will be analyzed for its sensitivity and addressed with any sort of revision to the storm water management plan and conditions of draft plan approval."

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## Sunshine on cloudy days

WINTER SEEMS TO come on slowly, and then all at once when November hits.

The Tamarack trees have finished their golden encore, all other leaves have fallen, the cold hits harder, seeing the sun feels like a rare treat, and we quickly approach the “shortest” day of the year.

All that’s left of Halloween celebrations are picked-over candy stashes. The December holidays are still weeks away.

Remembrance Day fills our minds with thoughts of war and the ones who endured it.

It’s hard to believe that a couple of months ago we were on beaches, boats, docks. The sun was hot enough to seek shade and cool water.

Summer wardrobes of shorts and sandals have been stashed away.

Thick sweaters, clunky boots, and puffy jackets are their replacement.

November is men’s mental health month (Movember), undoubtedly a good time of year to address and focus on mental health.

It’s also the month of saving the daylight.

We’ve received one singular hour in exchange for one hour less of evening daylight everyday.

The sun sets as we drive home from work.

I know, Debbie Downer.

But bringing all this to light is the first step to letting the light in.

If you’ve been feeling a little off the past couple of weeks, there’s a good chance it’s for one of the above reasons.

Or, if they aren’t a main reason, those things certainly don’t help.

It’s all truly a shock to so many systems in our bodies.

I could get into health effects of daylight savings, adjusting to cold

weather, seeing the bleakness of bare trees and cloudy skies.

Instead, let’s focus on glimmers.

Glimmers are be little bits of excitement and warmth.

They can seem small and insignificant, but all it takes is a change in perspective to turn them into beams of light.

A few glimmers are sticking out to me that may hopefully be of inspiration when seeking some of yours.

Remembrance Day this year fell on a cold and gloomy day.

The ceremony in Haliburton was beautiful and solemn, as it should be.

But the bright light afterwards was the Legion luncheon.

The hall was toasty and filled with genuine connection - a celebration of the lives we get to live because of the ones who selflessly served.

The imminent winter means months of cold and ice ahead.

It also means months of beautiful snow blanketing the county, months of snowshoeing, tobogganing, skiing,

snowboarding, snowmobiling, ice fishing, skating.

We can’t wish it away, but we can wish for a great season for these activities.

We can look forward to lots of fluffy snow.

More glimmers are all of the holiday events coming up in just a couple of weeks, like the Santa Claus Parade and plenty of concerts.

It won’t be long until dark nights are lit with the warm glow of sparkly lights.

Like a wise old wizard from Harry Potter once said, “Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”

So don’t forget to take Vitamin D and turn the light on.



vivian collings

## Editorial



A beaver carries a branch. by Tammy Nash

## The first fire

WELL IT HAD to happen eventually, he thought. Looking out the kitchen window, Mark saw a winter wonderland. The trees were laden, the deck wore a white blanket and when Mark took a step outside to retrieve the empty bird feeder, he landed hard on his backside. Icy steps.

Picking himself up carefully – who knew what damage might have occurred – he cursed the weather like any Canadian would do. Time to get the wood stove going. Fortunately he had stacked a large amount of firewood in the woodshed the past spring and now it was time to re-stack it inside his porch before re-stacking it once again beside the stove. Ah, he thought to himself, life is full of doing things over and over again. How fortunate he was to have so much to stack.

He hadn’t been so fortunate when he was a young family man struggling to make ends meet. That first winter, with a baby on the way, had been difficult. And cold. New to living in the country, Mark had ended up stuck with a load of green firewood that did more hissing than heating.

It certainly wasn’t anything like his expectations when he transitioned from cottager to year-round resident. Back then, he had had visions of a simpler, easier life where his children could grow up close to nature and free from gangs, crime and all those bad things he used to think only existed in the big cities. Winter weather and wood stoves hadn’t been part of his thinking. But he learned.

Layers of sweaters and plug-in heaters got them through that first year. Now he had reasonably seasoned wood but also a reliable furnace for back-up. Looking back he reflected on what a difference living in a warm home had made for all of them. No more irritable mood swings, chronic crankiness or shivering in the bathroom. Life was good – or at least warm.

Mark had owned various wood stoves over the years. The first one had been similar to one his parents had had in the old cottage. Small and round with pieces he could pick up with an iron handle to add more fuel, it could get very hot quickly but then cool off just as fast. And he had to watch the kids didn’t get too close to its danger.

He remembered one cold and rainy fall weekend when he was about ten and the family was stuck indoors at the cottage. His dad had gone to the store for more milk and his mother had loaded the stove to the point the pipes started to glow red. That was the first and last time. A new air-tight stove arrived the following year.

Now with no indication the temperature would be rising any time soon, Mark began laying paper, empty egg cartons and kindling in his ice-cold stove. He had it down to a science by now. Keeping the door ajar, he babied the sparks and sputters until a new little flame emerged. Then gradually, with the door still ajar, he added a new more larger pieces as he crouched in front of the opening.

It didn’t take long for a real blaze to start licking at the maple and birch. Warmth began to spread outward and Mark knew that in a few hours the whole house would be comfortably cozy. Radiant heat, he told himself, is the best kind.

As the room warmed he sat down by the stove with a fresh mug of coffee. The newly filled bird feeder was hosting a Blue Jay, its compact body balancing carefully while it gorged on sunflower seeds. That bird and many more would not be hungry this winter if it was up to Mark.

Then a shadow passed across his face. He just had a thought of all the people, especially children, who would end up spending the winter much colder and hungrier than the birds in his own backyard.

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# points of view

## Pet Peeves

**L**AST WEEK, OUR trusty old washing machine finally gave up the ghost. Between you and me, I was surprised to discover how broken up I was about its sudden demise. I know it's not normal for a person to get sentimental about household appliances, but that machine had been with us for 12 years, making it is almost as old as the underwear I routinely put in it.

Now that my period of grieving is over, however, I can tell you that we welcomed a new washing machine into our laundry room on the weekend. This is not the same as a new puppy, but it also has its charms.

If you have not paid attention to the exciting advances in washing machine technology, let me tell you they are amazing. This thing wrings out our garments so well that I will never again be able to put on a freshly laundered hunting coat and recognize the thing I forgot inside the pocket.

Another feature that was attractive to us (and by us, I mean Jenn) was the Pet Pro setting.

This is was new to us.

Before I go any further, let me tell you, the Pet Pro setting is not for what some of you might think.

Pressing this button doesn't mean you can place your favourite dirty in the machine, close the lid, and come back when it is smelling like your fabric softener.



steve  
galea

Loon Tales

Laugh all you want, but this is clearly an issue that the washing machine company has come up against before. It is, I assume, why the instruction manual provides a very clear warning that the Pet Pro function is not meant for laundering pets. (Not even hamsters, which, as we all know, are excellent at thriving in wheeled enclosures.)

Truthfully, I cannot believe that this is something that needs to be pointed out to anyone who is mentally capable of running a washing machine or owning a pet. For the love of all things holy, who would have thought that it is acceptable or wise to place your pet in a washing machine? At least for anything more than a simple rinse cycle, I mean.

This also begs the question: when did we all stop using our common sense?

It doesn't take a genius to understand that the Pet Pro setting is exactly for what its name describes – for laundering people who are so good at training their pets that they are at a “professional” level. That's right, pet pros! I know this must be the case because there is no warning against it.

Not to brag, but I do pretty good training my own dog Rosie. So naturally, I decided that I ought to take advantage of the Pet Pro feature.

Sadly, however, Jenn intervened before it could happen.

Either she thought I was misinterpreting what the feature is for, or, even more insulting, that I am not that good at training pets.

I never asked.

It turned out she was right though. Apparently, the function is only meant to get pet hair off your clothes and blankets. And not while you are wearing them either.

Also, despite having a spin cycle, I have no idea where the exercise bike is.

## The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

# Why are fewer Canadians starting their own business?

**T**HERE ARE more small businesses in Canada closing up shop than there are people starting a new business.

That's the disturbing finding from a new study carried out by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and the University of Montreal.

According to the study, Canada has 100,000 fewer entrepreneurs today than 20 years ago, despite the fact that our population has grown by more than 10 million people. In other words, only half as many people are starting their own businesses compared to two decades years ago.

And of that group, approximately one-third will close their doors within the first five years.

BDC, which is a federal crown corporation specifically created to help Canadian entrepreneurs, said the study was “worrying because entrepreneurship is crucial to the economy, fueling innovation and economic growth.”

The small business bank also called the decline in Canadian entrepreneurship “alarming” because of the enormous role small business plays in creating new jobs – or as BDC put it: “Entrepreneurs are the backbone of Canada's economy: They spearhead innovations. They're responsible for virtually all net new job creation. They drive growth and transformation.”

In searching for reasons why entrepreneurship is no longer an attractive career option for many Canadians, BDC cited the “more complex business environment” that entrepreneurs and small business owners face.

But the real question is: Why is the business environment more complex today than it was 20 or even 50 years ago?

I believe the main reason is that government is suffocating small business to death. Canada's small business owners and entrepreneurs are struggling to cope with a mind-boggling amount of red tape, regulations, rules, forms and never-ending government compliance requests.

All of this added regulatory burden has sapped productivity and crippled the competitiveness of small businesses in Canada.

Last year, the Chartered Professional

Accounts of Canada urged the government to act on a task force report from over ten years ago that identified over 60 areas where government could reduce red tape and regulations.

But nothing was done – and in the ten years since the report was published, the paperwork and regulatory compliance that small business gets saddled with each year has continued to get worse.

The other key factor hampering small businesses is the tax that's levied on them in their early stages of incubation and growth – a crucial period when cashflow is king

and profits are typically reinvested in product development and hiring new employees to fuel future expansion.

So how do we get more Canadians starting their own small business? And how do we help the hundreds of thousands of small businesses across Canada struggling to make a go of it?

I believe the best solution is the creation of an economic charter of rights – one that takes the chains off small business by reducing the regulatory burden we've imposed on them. By doing this, we'd

give small businesses the conditions they need to thrive and flourish.

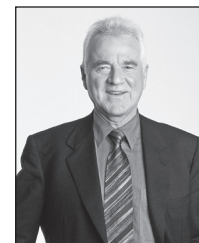
An economic charter with these key principles would trigger a wave of entrepreneurship and would give existing small business owners a fighting chance to keep their doors open and grow. It's also the reason why small business across Canada should rally together in support of an economic charter.

If any business association in Ontario wants to learn more about the proposed Economic Charter, I'd be happy to speak at your event and tell you more about how the charter can help small business. Email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca).

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## pic of the past

The *Minden Echo* was established in 1884, and in 1951 was purchased by Walter Noise of Minden and Berkeley Feir of Haliburton and re-named the Haliburton County Echo as it moved headquarters to Haliburton. This photo, from the book *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*, was taken in 1952 in the *Echo's* press room. From left, Walter Noise running the Liberty platen job press, George Wheeler operating the Intertype machine, Berkeley Feir setting type, and Cliff Booth tightening the chase. This office has since been torn down and was on what is now the Maple Avenue restaurant property. *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* was published by the Haliburton Highlands Museum. /FILE

## Bus stops for a good cause

Haliburton Bus Lines will be accepting food donations and toy donations which will go to the local food banks.

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November 25, 2023  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by the Haliburton Bus Lines

# World Diabetes Day

BRITNEY PAGLIUCA

Staff Reporter

World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the increasing health threat posed by diabetes. It is marked every year on Nov. 14 the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

Its aim is to promote the importance of action to confront diabetes as a critical global health issue. The theme for World Diabetes Day in 2023 is Access to Diabetes Care.

**Type 1 and Type 2: what's the difference?**

Type 1 diabetes is believed to be caused by an autoimmune reaction whereby the immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas. After these beta cells are destroyed, the body is unable to produce insulin. Genetic and environmental factors may contribute to the onset of type 1 diabetes, but diet and lifestyle habits do not. While you can be diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at any age, most are diagnosed before the age of 30.

People with type 2 diabetes have insulin resistance. The body still produces insulin, but it's unable to use it effectively. Because your body is unable to effectively use insulin, glucose accumulates in your bloodstream. Several lifestyle factors may contribute to the onset of type 2 diabetes, including being inactive and carrying excess weight, but other genetic and environmental factors may also play a role. According to Diabetes Canada, approximately 1.3 million people in Ontario live with type 2 diabetes.

Know your risk.

Diabetes Canada states that almost 50% of people with type 2 diabetes don't know they have it.

Both type 1 and 2 diabetes increase your risk of cardiovascular disease, renal disease, lower limb amputation, strokes, heart

attacks, kidney failure, blindness, depression and early death. These risks increase if diabetes is left untreated.

Symptoms of type 1 and 2 diabetes are very similar. They include frequent urination, increased thirst, fatigue, sudden weight loss, blurred vision and a slow healing process.

If you seek more diabetes education or think you might be at risk, talk to your doctor or the Haliburton Health Service's Diabetes Education Network. Most local pharmacies also provide diabetes screening services.

**The cost of living with diabetes**

Diabetes is a chronic illness that requires constant attention. Since my type 1 diabetes diagnosis at the age of 12, I have counted every carbohydrate I've put into my body, tested my blood sugar more than eight times a day and calculated my body's insulin requirements. It has included plenty of trips to the hospital, frightening low blood glucose levels and endless diabetes education sessions. This is the work of living with diabetes that many people don't see.

Luckily, diabetes management tools are constantly evolving, making it easier to live a healthy life. However, government supports to access such equipment are lacking. Even with private health insurance, diabetes supplies can cost individuals upwards of \$3000 a year.

People that are unable to afford sufficient diabetes care are at risk of serious health complications. How can we justify letting people with chronic illnesses suffer?

Canada prides itself on its health care system, but we know of its shortcomings.

Still, there are things we can do. Spreading awareness about diabetes and advocating for increased diabetes services can help minimize risks associated with the disease. Check-in on people you know living with chronic illness – emotional support systems are an important part of healing and coping. Lastly, we must remember that not all health challenges are evident, so be patient, be kind and practice empathy.

## A new Space in town

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Space, a new art gallery in Haliburton, has launched its first exhibit, I'm Coming Out, on Nov. 1.

Lasting until Nov. 26, the exhibition features work by eight local artists; Scott Walling, Tiffany Howe, Sophie Creelman, Poet Ever, Renée Woltz, Zach Warne, David Partridge, and Jake Walling.

"For a long time, I've wanted a space where I could show art. When I heard of this space becoming available, it felt so perfect because it's right across from the shop," Walling said, owner of The Space and Haliburton Framing and Photo.

The long-time artist and busy business owner wanted to create an ever-changing studio space.

"The plan is to have something different every month, whether that's local artists, out of town artists, solo shows, or group exhibitions. I want to keep it different each month," Walling said.

"It'll be a nice fluctuating space."

There will be an exhibition reception on Thursday, Nov. 23, a partnership event

with Russell Red Records featuring music by Evangeline Gentle and a meet and mingle with the artists starting at 6 p.m.

"One of the artists this month is a performance artist which is something new and a little out of the ordinary for Haliburton. I'm really excited by it," Walling said.

It's located at 173 Highland St. Unit B just below Russell Red Records and is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12-6 p.m.

Stay tuned for new exhibitions and events at The Space each month.

"I was feeling like there would be a little bit of a gap in the Haliburton art scene with a couple of the galleries closing, and I wanted to change things up as well," Walling said.

A new art gallery, The Space, has opened on Highland Street in Haliburton. /Submitted by Scott Walling







## HHSS remembers them

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students take a moment to remember those who served in the armed forces while *Blowing in the Wind* by Bob Dylan is played during the school's Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Teacher Ryan Merritt since Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah while playing along with the guitar class.



Annabelle Borgdorff, member of the HHSS choir, sings during the school's ceremony.

# Girls basketball team going for gold

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls basketball team is well on their way to victory.

The team recently won the Kawartha championships held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and will be playing at COSSA in Belleville on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Kawarthas this year was a single championship game against the Kenner Rams.

"The game was very close and low scoring through the first three quarters and then we pulled away in the fourth," said coach Mike Rieger.

The final score was 26-15.

The team will play North Hastings in the semi-final game to determine if they'll play a final game.

Rieger said the girls found their success after understanding complex defensive strategies.

"They were able to switch between

three different defensive sets, which kept Kenner from getting into any kind of rhythm," he said.

"On offense, they were patient and didn't get rattled when their shots weren't going in during the first half. They kept working hard and eventually went on a run late in the game to win."

As a young team, Rieger says their main goal heading into COSSA is to keep gaining experience and learn from the championship.

"Most of the team will be playing up at senior level next year, so the more basketball situations they can be in to prepare for that, the better," Rieger said. "We have no idea the level of competition on the Belleville side, so we can't make any guesses at how we'll do!"

The Haliburton Highlands junior girls basketball team hold up a win sign after becoming Kawartha champions. /Photo submitted





The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls field hockey team competed at the OFSAA championships in Milton this year. / Submitted



# HHSS field hockey team's dreams come true

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls field hockey team shot for the stars, and they made it.

The team won the COSSA field hockey championship against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough, which earned themselves a place to play against the province's best teams at OFSAA in Milton from Thursday, Nov. 2 to Saturday, Nov. 4.

For many of the players, this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"The idea was to really enjoy the experience. It's not very often that a team gets to go to OFSAA, so we really just wanted them to enjoy it and take it all in," said team manager Jason Morissette. "Winning for us was just earning a spot to go in the first place."

Team captains and HHSS seniors Abi Lewis, Lily Manning, and Baylie Stover shared what it was like to experience OFSAA for the first time.

"For this being our last year, we had a great time, and it was amazing for the six seniors to end our time on the team like this," Baylie said.

The three captains have been playing on the team for the past three years since sports were brought back after the pandemic, but have been learning and practicing at the summer program for twice as long.

"There were lots of tears at the end," Abi added.

The team had played the Holy Cross CSS Hurricanes for the entire season, and faced their season rivals during COSSA at the end of October.

"When it came down to playoffs against them, we beat them in both games 6-0 and 7-0," said Abi. "We had been stronger than them for the season, but they kept growing as a team, and they definitely put up a good fight by the end."

The OFSAA championships were held in Milton at Craig Kielburger Secondary School from Thursday, Nov. 2 to Saturday, Nov. 4 with a banquet in between game days.

"The banquet was so fun, and the facility was incredible too. They had a big dome over their turf field that we got to play in, and we were used to a grass field, so it was so nice to play there," Lily said.

The team was ranked 14th out of 16, and the lowest-ranking team they played was 7th out of 16.

"Our first game was phenomenal. We kept it tied most of the game, and we started to adapt to this other team that definitely had the upper hand," Abi said. "It was great to be challenged in that way."

They lost this game against Merivale

High School only 1-0.

Their second game was against Bluevale Collegiate Institute, which the team lost 6-0 to but put up a strong fight in the second half.

The final game was against the home team, Craig Kielburger SS.

"They were pretty aggressive and definitely had a home field advantage, but overall we had such an amazing experience," Lily said.

The last time the HHSS field hockey team made it to OFSAA was six years ago.

"For us coming from the small town into the big city, at a school with 400 kids to schools with thousands, we definitely held our own," Baylie said.

The team captains explained their mindset going into OFSAA.

"We had our heads up high. We knew we weren't going to blow everybody out of the park when the other schools had beat out so many others to get there, but we put our everything into those three games," Baylie said. "Obviously we wanted to win, but we weren't going to win. Winning was just getting there for us."

The team was coached by Steve Smith, Stacey Parish, and Amber-Lee Johnston.

"Stacey and Amber helped us so much this year. They both won athlete of the year and played field hockey when they went to school here, so their perspectives were so great to have," Abi said.

The summer field hockey program held on the school's field helped the team make it to where they are now.

"In middle school, you don't have field hockey at all, so it's all new. Summer practices helped a lot, and we really focused on technique and strategy," Lily said.

Although they didn't bring home any medals, they did bring home the Pride of the Red and experiences they will never forget.

"These girls played the best in all of Ontario. For playing teams and players that practice all the time, all year in domes on turf and will likely go on to play NCAA, NCIS, and for team Canada, we did so well," Morissette said. "We're so proud of them."



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**Spike it**

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School played St. Thomas Aquinas in volleyball, winning the semi-finals quickly. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



HHSS played Kenner in the finals, and won, making their season complete with 11 wins, zero losses, and one tie overall. The team will be hosting the COSSA Championships on Nov. 16. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



The team does their cheer before the game.



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  - 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
  - 11. Not chained to
  - 12. Metric ton
  - 14. Tall, rounded vase
  - 15. Musical composition
  - 16. St. Francis of \_\_
  - 18. Discover the location of
  - 22. Compact group of mountains
  - 23. Mend
  - 24. Not current
  - 26. Atomic #64
  - 27. Young hawk
  - 28. Or \_\_
  - 30. Pouches
  - 31. Southern Thailand isthmus
  - 34. Mends with yarn
  - 36. Downwinds
  - 37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
  - 39. Italian archaeological site
  - 40. Cold appetizer
  - 41. Yes
  - 42. Peninsula
  - 48. Of that
  - 50. A way to divide
  - 51. Relating to the physical senses
  - 52. One who makes money
  - 53. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
  - 54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
  - 55. South Dakota
  - 56. Snow sport
  - 58. The products of human creativity
  - 59. Change mind
  - 60. Born of

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- 1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
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  - 3. Made smaller
  - 4. Type of meter
  - 5. Revolt
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  - 7. Gregory \_\_, US dancer
  - 8. Nullifies
  - 9. Home to the Flyers
  - 12. Female parent
  - 13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
  - 17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
  - 19. Regal
  - 20. Line
  - 21. Hermann \_\_, author of "Siddhartha"
  - 25. Clearing up
  - 29. No seats available
  - 31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
  - 32. Groove in organ or tissue
  - 33. Not of this world
  - 35. Cooking device
  - 38. Forget
  - 41. Operational flight
  - 43. Actress Danes
  - 44. Poke holes in
  - 45. A way to discolor
  - 46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
  - 47. Pharrell's group
  - 49. Red fluorescent dye
  - 56. Jr.'s dad
  - 57. Electronics firm

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Fay Wilkinson presents during this month's Telling Our Stories presentation. /BRITNEY PAGLIUCA Staff

# This month's Telling our Stories

BRITNEY PAGLIUCA  
Staff Reporter

Telling our Stories Speaker Series is an event that takes place at Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery on the second Wednesday of every month. It is an opportunity for community members to share their stories with one another, to provoke thoughtful reflection, make new connections, learn about the world and the amazing things people in Haliburton County are doing. Topics of discussion range from the environment, art, social issues, politics and personal journeys.

All proceeds are donated to a local organization. Proceeds from the most recent event, which took place on Nov. 8, was donated to Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Foundation.

The theme for this month was "From There to Here". Guest speakers, Fay Wilkinson and Wil Andrea, discussed what brought them to the county and what keeps them here, as well as their lifelong journey, passions, purpose and projects.

"It is about understanding what people are doing from Haliburton County to help make the planet a better place, and why they choose to do it from here," Speaker Series organizer Tammy Rea said.

**Fay Wilkinson**

Wilkinson, founder of The Creative Cocoon out of Eagle Lake, spoke on her work as an expressive arts practitioner. Her workshops use artistic processes to help individuals make connections with others and themselves.

"They are not crafts, art lessons or art therapy, although they can be therapeutic," Wilkinson said. "It is about using art as a vehicle to dig deeper and better understand ourselves."

Wilkinson's work focuses on encouraging individuals to learn, share and understand the importance of the stories we tell about ourselves. She has worked with

cancer patients, long-term care homes, students, people experiencing grief and more.

"We don't know what stories people are carrying," Wilkinson said, "and so we must be humble."

## Wil Andrea

Andrea's presentation followed her humanitarian work in Africa and Asia, utilizing her medical background to help people in need around the globe.

Born in Haarlem, Netherlands, Andera said she dreamed of having adventures around the world from a young age.

She began working as a medical lab technician in the hospital of her hometown before she signed on to travel to Somalia to train other lab technicians.

"We bathed in small buckets of water," Andrea said, "but something about life here made me want to stay." She would resign her contract multiple times.

Over the years of her humanitarian career Andrea would travel to Rwanda to rebuild laboratories just four years after the 1994 genocide, Myanmar, Indonesia following the devastating 2004 tsunami and Bukavu, Congo on a project to improve services that treat malaria.

Returning to Netherlands in 2008, Andrea worked for a water and sanitation organization that aims to aid developing countries in Africa and Asia for six years before emigrating to Canada in 2015.

Today, she is still involved in initiatives that seek to help people of the Democratic Republic of Congo by working with victims of sexual violence and war.

Guest speakers left attendants in awe – inspired and proud that people within their community are working to make the world a better place.

## Upcoming Events

The next Speaker Series event will take place on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Andrea Hagarty and Johnny Waite will share their stories about sailing in the Philippine's Palawan Islands.



# EH! presentation addresses algal blooms

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Dr. Norman Yan from Friends of the Muskoka Watershed spoke about the potential for hazardous algal blooms to form in Haliburton County waters during a virtual Environment Haliburton! presentation on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The likely cause? Too much road salt and global warming.

Blue green algae, according to the disease control centre, can produce poisons causing sickness and often death for animals and illness in humans upon exposure.

"So what should we do? We should fix the problems we understand, and study those we don't yet understand," said Yan.

He first highlighted the importance of algae to ecosystems.

"We absolutely need algae. We'd be stupid, we'd starve, and we'd suffocate without them," Yan explained.

He said the Omega-3 fatty acid in our brains initially come from algae, half of the sugar produced in the world that feed fish come from algae, and more than half the oxygen in the atmosphere comes from algae.

But, too much of anything isn't good for anyone.

"Algal blooms have been an enormous problem in the past. It's one of the four environmental threats that started the environmental movement," Yan said.

"Algal soups that caused the death of many fish occupied the minds of limnologists from about the 1950s to the 1980s."

Since the early studies, scientists were able to reduce the amount of Phosphorus in lakes, effectively reducing the amount of algal blooms ... Until 2014.

Dickson Lake in Algonquin Park developed a hazardous bloom of blue green algae, "When there absolutely should not have been an algal bloom in this lake."

In the 90s, limnologists thought they had the problem under control with between two and five blooms in Ontario each year. Now, there are over 100 blooms confirmed in Ontario lakes each year.

"What's disturbing is most of them are cyanobacteria and many lakes are seeing their first ever algal bloom," Yan said.

He said the blooms thrive in still, warm water - water with increased Phosphorus.

"What hasn't really been considered before, though, is that the little living lawn mowers might have anything to do with it. Might we be doing things in lakes which are killing the animal plankton that eat the algae?" Yan said.

Those "little lawn mowers" are called zooplankton, tiny animals that live in most water bodies and are essential for lake health.

"The entire volume of a Haliburton lake is filtered through the stomachs of the zooplankton about every 10 days," Yan said. "If you get rid of these lawn mowers, that algae will still be in the water."

He said there could be three reasons for the decrease in zooplankton populations.

The first is the presence of an invasive species, the spiny water flea, which is a predator of plankton, and is present in local lakes.

The second is road salt.

He said chloride levels have increased in recent years due to a high volume of road salt being used in the winter.

"Algae are much more tolerant of road salt than animal plankton are," Yan explained.

The last is widespread calcium decline, "a legacy of acid rain."

"And then there's climate change," Yan said.

Climate change is likely multiplying already-existent threats that can increase blue green algae, he said.

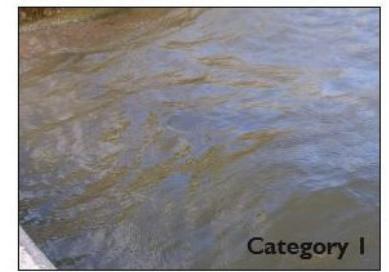
"We need real time continuous monitoring in blue green algae 'nursery areas'."

He said the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed is looking to put out a series of sensors to measure factors that influence algae growth.

He encouraged sampling the amount of spiny water fleas will help with research as well.

"And then hopefully in five years, I'm hoping we can test that model to confirm the triggers, hopefully in a Muskoka/Haliburton new limnology institute. Once we have that model in place, the idea would be to highlight lakes that are vulnerable so we can test possible solutions," Yan said.

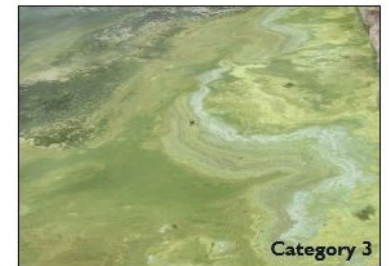
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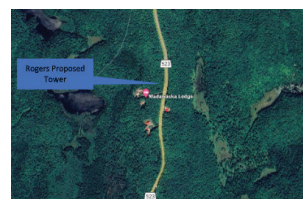
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# Saini breaks franchise all time goal record, Huskies go 3 for 4

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The Haliburton County Huskies had a busy past two weeks with four separate games being played. With the team slumping to a below .500 record, the team needed a good stretch of games in order to pull the Huskies back into playoff contention.

Three players would be traded away from the Huskies during this time, Vlad Visan was sent down to the Hamilton Kilty B's Jr B squad, Josh Rumolo was sent to the North York Rangers, while John Mead has to been traded to a team that is TBA.

With three players returning from injury, the first match against the St Michael's Buzzers proved to be a good one.

Buzzed out Buzzers

The Huskies found themselves down by two midway through the second, despite the slow start the team was ready for a charge. In less that five minutes, the Huskies found themselves with a three goal explosion courtesy of Patrick Saini, Nick Lamont and Charlie Fink.

A stunned Buzzers team tried to get back on the horse in the third period, but the Huskies proved to be a force to be reckoned with. In the third period, Lamont contin-



#94 Ty Petrou scores during a five on three powerplay against the 2-1 against the Stouffville Spirit on Nov. 7. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



Despite the close game on Tuesday, the Huskies pulled out ahead 2-1. /TIM YANO special to the Echo

ued his pummeling of the Buzzers with his second of the game coming at 18:50. Ian Philips added an empty net to seal the deal, and send the Huskies home victorious.

With his goal, Saini tied the all-time Huskies franchise goal record at 65. He would have three more games to break the record. Brett Fullerton made 28 stops on 30 shots and was awarded second star for his efforts.

### Stouffville gets no Spirit

Three days later, the Stouffville Spirit were in town to play. Last time those two teams faced off, the Huskies dominated them in Stouffville. It was safe to say the Spirit wanted revenge, especially given that the loss came in their own rink.

The Huskies found themselves behind less than 10 minutes into this one, as due to a bad turn over, the Spirit were sent in on a 2-0 short handed breakaway. Odaro Ewere made no mistake and put the Spirit up by one at the intermission.

The Huskies however, were determined to not let this blunder get them down. At the 2:53 mark, Huskies forward Aiden Yarde came streaking down the wing. Snapping home a bullet past Kyle Downey, Yarde picked up his very first career OJHL goal.

Three minutes later and Huskies doubled their advantage, when a scramble in front of the net lead to Ty Petrou getting a clear shot to give his team the lead. With no scoring in the third, Fullerton fended off a 35 shot armada to hold on and give the Huskies the win.

Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson left the game with injury after being slew footed by Spirit forward Cameron Kosurko. Stevenson is out until further notice.

### Wrecking the Royals

The next victim for the Huskies was the final game of their three game home stand, however, the opponent was the second place Markham Royals. With 15 wins

and single digit losses, the Royals had a bolstered team that included three former Toronto Patriots, goalie Chris Quizi, defenseman Ray Hou and forward Ashton Miwa.

This game was a tough one on paper, but in reality the Huskies sent out a statement.

Lucas Marshall kicked off the party with his third of the season, but the Royals answered back with two of their own coming at the hands of Ben-Chaim, Lalkin and Jacob Barkley. Royals goalie Quizi, received a rare delay of game penalty during the first due to his penchant for kicking the net off during Huskies goal chances.

The second period saw Quizi and Royals pay for their tom foolery, as the Huskies scored like it was going out of style. The first goal of the second was arguably the most important goal In Huskies history. Coming in on a 2 on 1, Petrou made a beautiful no look pass to Saini. The Captain made no mistake, burying a one knee one-timer for his 66th and franchise leading goal.

Barkley added his second of the game on a sketch play in front of the net, before Nick Lamont tied up this one on the powerplay. That was the end of Quizi's night and the Royals subbed in Sebastian Monaco.

Saini added his second of the game, with Phillips adding one of his own. By the end of the second it was now 5-3 Huskies. Philips added his second of the night into the empty net to seal a third straight win for Huskies.

### On the Road

The Huskies sadly dropped their last game of the weekend 4-2 to a Buzzers at the St. Mike's college arena. Petrou and Fink has the goals, but a four goal third period saw the Huskies fall to the Buzzers in the end.

Two games are on the docket this week, game one sees the Huskies head out to Collingwood to face the league leading Blues, before finishing things off back at home against the North York Rangers.

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### Wendy Christine Armstrong

Wendy Christine Armstrong gained her angel wings on November 3rd, 2023, at the young age of 68. She passed away at Andy's House Hospice after managing her cancer diagnosis with admirable grace and strength. With her beloved husband Brian and daughter Jennifer by her side, her love of life did not come to an end with her passing. They will continue to honour her legacy by living their lives to the fullest, while holding the many cherished memories near.

Wendy was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1955 to Donald and Patricia (Fern). She was the welcomed baby sister to Donna and Sherry. They took her under their wings and loved and protected her fiercely. They literally did everything for her and she developed the closest of bonds with both. Although she was born to Donald, Arthur would become her

treasured father figure after Donald and Fern divorced when she was a child.

During her childhood, her lifelong love of horses would present itself along with her love of the Haliburton area and Casa Loma at Christmas. She learned at a young age the importance of family and friends. Wendy met the love of her life very young and fell head-over-heels, madly in love. Brian Armstrong became her soul mate, best friend and husband in 1973.

Together, they welcomed daughter Jennifer, who immediately captured both of their hearts. Wendy was always very proud of Jenn and always supported, inspired and encouraged any direction she chose to take. This wasn't always easy as she had raised a very headstrong daughter who has many different philosophies on life than most. Wendy was much more than a mom to Jenn. Over the years that love blossomed into a beautifully close friendship, reminiscent of the close love and friendship Wendy shared with her own mum. While Wendy and Brian's early years were far from easy, they kept working at it. Neither Wendy or Brian believed in failure and over time, they found the truest of love and endless devotion. They spent most of their free time together, engaging in their favourite activities and outings. She was often told how lucky she was to have this loving and doting man as her husband. This past July, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, more in love than ever. To Brian, she leaves her undying love, boundless gratitude and their beautiful daughter.

Wendy and Brian began their marriage in Toronto and after a few years moved to the Haliburton area of West Guilford. In 1984, they moved to Edmonton, Alberta for better opportunities, in a life-changing adventure. They remained there until retirement and then relocated to their home roots of Ontario, specifically Bala. Wendy absolutely loved Bala and became quite active in various groups there. Bala in Bloom (which turned out to be a perfect fit), The Red Hat Ladies (where her quirky side got to shine), and various local Community Events. She became quite fond of "Thirsty Thursdays" with the ladies.

Over the course of her life, Wendy embarked on a few different career paths. Always striving to better herself and help provide a better life for the family she so loved. She ended her career as National Claims Manager for a Retail Insurance Company. She had a strict work ethic, regularly went above and beyond and excelled at the job she loved.

Wendy was adored by all. She had a cheerful personality, a relaxed approach and people tended to gravitate towards her. Wendy made friends everywhere she went and had a true knack for making people laugh. She was often referred to as a ray of sunshine. Wendy truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. Time with family, chatting with friends, loving the family pets and helping others through difficult times were all constant presences throughout her life. She had a true love for music and every song that came on would be enthusiastically met with "I love this song!". Wendy loved the colour pink, glitter and sparkles of any kind. Over the years, she had a love for crafting, baking, chocolate making, flowers, her gardens, concerts, photography, crokinole, family game nights, camping, bingo, bowling, softball, W-5, Dateline, horses, hedgehogs, cardinals and animals of every kind. Except bugs. She did not like bugs at all!

After her diagnosis, a Group appropriately named "Team Wendy" was established by her nieces, Shelley and Kim. She was so touched and this brought a smile to her face every time she saw a new post of her family, friends and supporters in "Team Wendy" t-shirts. She especially loved the bright pink, glittery "I am Wendy" t-shirt that was provided for her. She felt the love from all. There were also a group of family and friends that shaved their heads in support of Wendy and she was truly astonished and humbled by this selfless and honourable gesture.

Wendy was predeceased by her dear mother Patricia (Fern), stepfather Arthur, father Donald and father-in-law Joseph. Wendy leaves behind her beloved husband Brian, daughter Jennifer, sisters Donna (Gary, deceased), Sherry (Terry), mother-in-law Edna (Joseph, deceased), siblings-in-law Barry (Shirley), David (Rietta, deceased), Jo-Ann (Wayne), Michael, Paul, Neil (deceased), Sandra and Lana. Wendy will be lovingly remembered by her treasured friend Gloria (Bob), many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and their families, as well as her cherished friends.

Wendy was a sweet and gentle soul whose life will be celebrated on November 25th, 2023, at Red Umbrella Inn, 1075 Red Umbrella Road, Minden (Carnarvon), Ontario from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. If you have any stories or pictures to share, we would be grateful to include them. To celebrate Wendy and her love of pink, sparkles and glitter, please feel free to wear your favourites.

Cremation has already taken place at Cottage Country Cremation. Internment will be held at a later date at New Carlow Cemetery. Wendy had the most loving and compassionate care at Andy's House (Hospice Muskoka) in Port Carling. In lieu of flowers and for those who wish to donate, please honour Wendy's memory with a donation to this exceptional organization at [www.hospicemuskoka.com/donate](http://www.hospicemuskoka.com/donate)

The phone calls, cards, messages, gifts and visits Wendy received after her diagnosis were a tremendous source of joy, comfort and peace to her. Brian and Jennifer would like to thank all of our family and friends for the endless love and support. We could not have navigated this without all of you.



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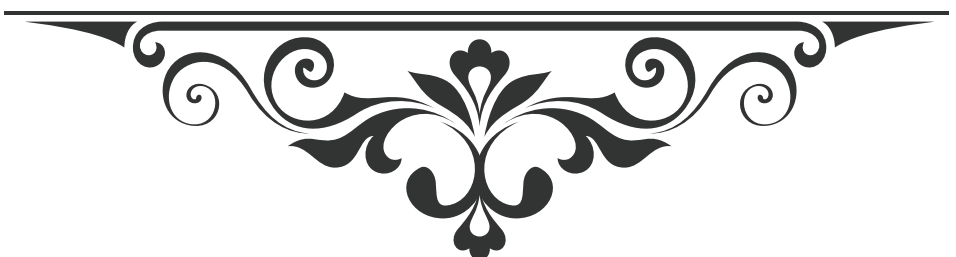
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■ **H1N1**

## Flu hits hard

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The flu is here.

Two weeks ago, both Minden and Haliburton's emergency rooms received 25 per cent more patients than normal with a large portion of those presenting with flu symptoms, hospital president Paul Rosebush said.

"A minimum 25 per cent [increase] in hospital ERs – minimum – and at a least 30 per cent of folks coming in are demonstrating symptoms of influenza-like illness," he said.

The influx hit October 21 and the numbers have stayed consistently high since then.

In the wake of 13-year-old Evan Frustaglio's death from the H1N1 strain of influenza on October 26, hospitals across the province have been inundated with concerned parents and their sick children, who all fear the worst could happen to them.

Meanwhile, the health unit ran its first vaccination clinic at the Legion in Haliburton for those

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JENN WATT/Echo

No one was complaining about the two-hour wait for H1N1 vaccinations at the Haliburton Legion on Friday. It was the first clinic in the Highlands and targeted people at highest risk for getting the flu. A flu assessment clinic opens at the Haliburton medical centre this week to try to keep the virus out of hospital ERs. Details are on page 19.

## 705 AREA CODE

### Get ready to dial 10 digits in 2011

PEGGY ARMSTRONG

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Your fingers will have to do a little more dialing for local telephone calls in the 705 area code just over a year from now.

Local calls will require 10-digit dialing – the 705 area code and the phone number – in 2011. As well, a new area code, 249, will be added to the region.

The transition to 10-digit dialing will begin on January 15,

2011, and will be gradually introduced over the following weeks. It will become mandatory by March 12, 2011, according to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). The new area code of 249 will begin to be assigned to new telephone numbers as of March 19, 2011.

The CRTC announced the change last month. In a press release it said the change is taking place in northern Ontario. However, spokesman

Denis Carmel confirmed that all municipalities, including the Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes, with the 705 area code are affected.

The region also includes Peterborough, Parry Sound, Orillia, Barrie, North Bay, Timmins and Sudbury.

The CRTC said it is making the change because it received a report from the Canadian Numbering Administrator earlier this year that warned that the 705 area code is expected to

run out of numbers by October, 2012.

The transition period of more than a year will give telephone companies time to prepare, Carmel said, and to inform customers. He added that alarm companies that use automatic dialing will have to reprogram their systems. Carmel noted that all phone numbers already assigned will not change. After the transition, the only Ontario area code left not requiring 10-digit dialing will be 807.



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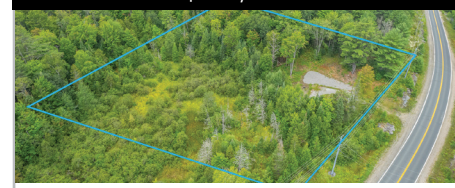


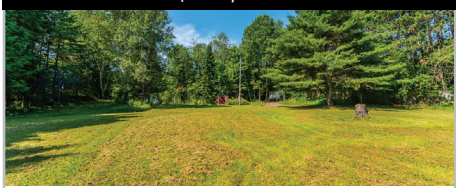


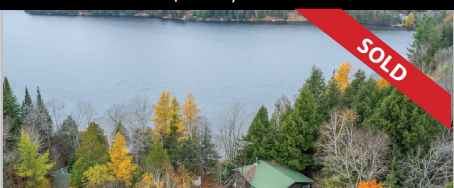


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